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Freedom Gates Boys Ranch members sit in a newly redone room thanks to these youth volunteers from the Cedar Crest Mennonite Church in Hutchinson. Lots of friendships were formed in this week of work and sharing.

A mission trip for Mennonite Youth – an answer to prayer for Freedom Gates Boys Ranch

By Yvonne Miller

“What a great time of fellowship and hard work,” Freedom Gates Boys Ranch

(FGBR) President Michael Simpson said.

He was referring to the first week of June when youth from the Cedar Crest Mennonite Church in Hutchinson came to help renovate part of the former schoolhouse building in Hazelton, Kansas. The FGBR brings in troubled teen boys and helps them feel personal value and that they are loved. They do

this with hard work, a schedule, school, rules, lots of fun and a Christ-centered environment.

The schoolhouse expansion will house six more boys and houseparents, Simpson said. It will add a two-bedroom apartment for additional staff. Freedom Gates continues to have four teens living

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Regulators approve new tools to fight robocalls

By Marione Martin

A couple of years ago, my husband and I were visiting with a man who was running for the Oklahoma legislature. Lynn told the candidate I decided not to vote for him because his campaign included robocalls. I was a bit embarrassed but it was true. I tend to work late hours getting the paper out. When one of those calls occurred and woke me after a late night, I was not happy!

The candidate apologized, and said he didn't really agree with his campaign's use of robocalls. Later, I relented and voted for him anyway. However, I still hate robocalls, which consist of a recorded message.

There are some robocalls I want. The City of Alva has a system that sends out severe weather information as well as notices that affect Alva residents. A recent one notified us of plans to spray for mosquitoes. As it turned out, the forecast indicated rain, so the spraying plan was postponed. We were notified of the postponement, too.

The Alva school system also uses robocalls (or texts if that's what you



requested) to notify parents about closings, rescheduling and other important information.

FCC Ruling on Robocalls

On Thursday, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to give phone companies the right to block unwanted calls without getting customers' permission first. Many phone companies already offer services that block robocalls, but consumers have to specifically ask and often pay for it.

The FCC now says the companies are allowed to block robocalls by default. It's still a question whether they will be sheltered from legal liability if they block a call that the consumer wants or needs. The ruling appears to leave the determination of which calls to block up to the companies, saying it must be based on reasonable analytics.

The ruling also opens the door for companies to offer an even more restrictive option for consumers. The FCC says providers can offer consumers the option of only allowing calls from numbers that are on their contact list.

The agency expects phone companies to offer these tools for free. But it doesn't require them to do so. Consumers can also "opt out" and ask their company not to block anything. There are already concerns that scammers can outwit the latest moves in the arms race.

It will take a while for consumers to see the effect of this new ruling. Most carriers already offer some free blocking services.

Verizon rolled out a free robocall and spam blocking service in March. They say they plan to strengthen the new service in light of the FCC ruling.

AT&T says it is committed to working with the FCC and the industry to further curtail illegal and unwanted calls. The company offers AT&T Mobile Security and AT&T Call Protect, free services that automatically block fraud calls and provide screen alerts for suspected spam calls.

T-Mobile offers free Scam Block protection if customers opt in by dialing #662# from their T-Mobile phone or in the free version of the company's Name ID app. The service also provides protection from spoofing.

Congress is taking steps, too. A bill passed by the Senate would require phone companies to do more, but it's not a cure-all. It still needs House approval, where Democrats in charge have their own bills that go further.

Even if all steps work, there are already concerns that scammers will figure out how to bypass them.

The robocall problem has exploded because cheap software makes it easy to make mass calls. Phone scams have cost victims millions of dollars. Enforcement against illegal callers is negligible.

It's hoped this move by the FCC will make a dent in the estimated 4.7 billion robocalls placed in the U.S. in May alone. But don't expect robocalls to disappear entirely.

It's still a good idea to make use of the Federal Trade Commission's do not call registry. You can register your landline and your cellphone numbers online at www.donotcall.gov or call 1-888-382-1222.

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Cherokee School music teacher resigns

By Stacy Sanborn

School board members in Cherokee met Monday night for their regular monthly meeting to take care of a few housekeeping items. They started with the approval of the consent agenda (comprised of routine items), which included the resignation of music teacher Heather McNeil. Superintendent Donna Anderson gave high praise to McNeil's abilities and wished her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Board members moved on and voted to declare surplus on Chrome Books and backpacks for senior students, and then approved the continuation of services from Precision Testing Laboratories (for asbestos services). Memberships with entities like CCOSA, OSSBA, OROS, OSAG – insurance for workman's compensation – and OSIG for liability insurance were approved for renewal. All of these memberships apply for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year.

Members then voted to appoint the superintendent as an agent to assure compliance for the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act, programs purchasing agent, hearing officer for vocational programs complaints and civil rights complaints, risk manager of OSHA programs, and the official representative and acting agent for the board in connection with applying for any federal, state and local funds (or any other programs that would benefit Cherokee Public School for the 19-20 school year).

Board members gave approval to

Kellogg and Sovereign as consultants for E-Rate, followed by the approval of several other agenda items: temporary appropriations; the contract renewal with Alpha+; the contract for audit with Chas W. Carroll; the contract renewal with the Center for Education Law. All of these items apply to the 2019-2020 school year.

Next, one bid (the only one received) for milk was opened. The bid was from Hiland and was accepted. The board then voted to enter into an executive session that lasted just over an hour. In it, members discussed the employment of staff mem-

bers, the superintendent's contract, and extra duty assignments. Upon reconvening, it was announced that Candice Davis would be employed as an elementary teacher, but no action was taken on employing an elementary music teacher at this time.

The superintendent's contract for 2018-2019 had no change, but will be revisited for future consideration for the 2019-2020 school year.

Lastly, Anderson said in her report that she's been busy with end-of-year reports and she's looking forward to getting a new school year started.

Alfalfa County officials eye emergency watershed programs

By Stacy Sanborn

Alfalfa County commissioners took action on Monday morning by approving the submission of applications for emergency watershed programs. Recent heavy rains have wreaked havoc on roads and bridges across the county and road signs indicating such have done little to deter drivers. Initiatives like the Emergency Watershed Protection

(EWP) Program – a federal emergency recovery program – helps local communities relieve threats to life and property caused by flooding (and other natural disasters like fires and windstorms that impair a watershed).

Following that discussion, commissioners approved a maintenance bond, progressive payment, certificate of non-discrimination and contract from Erikson Steel for the new addition to a building in District 3. The three men moved on to look over a contract of services for fiscal year 2019-20 between the county commissioners and County Budgeting Services LLC, ultimately approving it. Last on the agenda was the approval of a lease purchase agreement from Welch State Bank with Western Equipment and Alfalfa County for two tractors with trade-in values.

For the week, District 3 held two road-crossing permits for a total of \$1,000. Previous meeting minutes, maintenance and operation payment warrants, blanket purchase orders and monthly officer reports were signed off as well.



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280	Barber Co, KS	SE1/4 SE1/4 23, S/2 SW4 24, NW4 of 25-33S-14W	\$485,000	SOLD
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Freedom School Board hears plans for stringent cost cutting

By Kathleen Lourde

At its June 10 regular meeting, Superintendent James Miller spoke to the Freedom School Board at length – using numerous spreadsheets and charts – about how he is attempting to find ways to reduce expenses for next school year.

Revenue (particularly ad valorem revenue) has been on a steady downward trend over the last five years, and the 2020 estimated appropriation will be almost \$250,000 less than in 2019, which itself was more than \$90,000 less than in the previous year.

Meanwhile, payroll has increased, due to legislated teacher raises but also because of hiring a full-time superintendent, as well as a librarian, coach and music teacher, which together raised payroll by \$100,000.

Miller is attempting to ensure the school continues to have a carryover of at least \$500,000 so the school can weather unexpected financial difficulties. The \$500,000 carryover would mean the school could continue to operate as normal for six months, in such an eventuality – although Miller said that, of course, if such extreme difficulties were to arise, he and the board would take stronger measures well before six months had gone by.

A spreadsheet of several pages details a variety of planned savings in everything from professional and education

services to utility costs (replacing regular light bulbs with LED bulbs in the offices and cafeteria, for example, and finding ways to use water from the school’s well rather than using city water), and cutting everything from staff travel to general supplies. Altogether, the cuts would save the school about \$57,000 a year.

In addition, Miller plans to save on payroll expenses through attrition – for example, when someone resigns, trying to fill those shoes through existing personnel rather than re-hiring to fill that position. He also plans to eliminate extra-duty stipends and eliminate an outside contract to provide special education (instead tasking those duties to current personnel).

(Later in the meeting, after an executive session, the board accepted the resignation of teacher Scott Renken. The board did, however, approve a \$1,000 stipend for Family and Consumer Science teacher Darci Immell.)

Miller is hoping, through various approaches, to also increase state funding by almost \$5,000 and increase federal funding significantly: from \$82,432 in the 2018-19 school year to \$166,271 in the 2019-20 school year.

Strategic Plan Scaled Way Back

The school strategic plan has been dramatically revised, due to the failure of the school bond election. However, some items on that plan are so crucial

that they must be carried out regardless, such as capping and repairing the cellar concrete, per a structural engineer’s recommendation. The estimate on this work came in at about \$10,000. Also, several board members said the weight room siding simply had to be replaced. Miller hopes to have bids on that work ready to present to the board at the June 24 meeting. He also mentioned that he keeps an eye on Facebook and other sites where he might be able to find decent quality weight room equipment at a low cost, and said he has a small activity fund that he can use for those purchases, if he spots a bargain.

The board talked about how and when they might be able to present a revised school bond proposal. Some members suggested simply removing the ag building from the proposal – which would have cut the proposal by \$400,000 – but Miller told the board he was advised that that would not be legally considered enough of a substantive change to make bringing another bond proposal possible before at least six months had passed. He will have some consultant recommendations on this issue to bring to the June 24 board meeting, he hopes.

Other Board Business

An agenda item regarding continuing to contract with OSAG for worker’s compensation was tabled because the new bid from OSAG had gone up \$3,000, due to the teacher raises. Miller is soliciting a bid from another organization, and he hopes to discuss it at the next board meeting, which will be June 24.

The board also approved updated Child Nutrition Procurement Plan and Protest Procedures.

At the beginning of the meeting, the board approved a lengthy consent agenda consisting of general administrative items such as:

- the May 13 meeting minutes
- treasurer’s and activity fund reports
- new encumbrances and warrants
- renewed contract with IXL for math and English software
- FY20 payroll dates and activity fund sub-accounts






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Local churches volunteered to feed the group three meals per day. The central headquarters for meals was the basement of the Christian Church. During that time the group of Mennonite volunteers proved what caring, good, respectful youth they are.

During breakfast that last morning Simpson spoke to the youth. He complimented them and told them, "This may be just another mission trip to you, but you were an answer to prayer for us."



Volunteers transformed an old school hallway into this attractive look.



Freedom Gates Boys Ranch President Michael Simpson enjoys breakfast with volunteers. Photo by Yvonne Miller



Scenes like this were all over the former Hazelton school building as a group of Mennonite youth from Hutchinson helped transform it into more housing for the Freedom Gates Boys Ranch.



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SOLD - S½-30-28-12 320 acres, Alfalfa Cty All Cropland, PRICE: \$780,000.00

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SOLD
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Many personnel changes at South Barber USD255

Teacher/board negotiations agreement reached and approved; Superintendent Dr. Miller named part-time head elementary principal; Teacher Kaynette Scheck named part-time assistant elementary principal; Longtime musician Cathy Cox to teach vocal music

By Yvonne Miller

The South Barber Board of Education met for their June meeting Monday evening with a full agenda highlighted with many personnel changes.

Board President Mark Pollock called the meeting to order with all members present including: Mike Miller, Ryan Molz, Melissa Simpson, Bryan Quick, Deb Helfrich and Mariah Doherty. Superintendent Dr. Mylo Miller and Board Clerk Julie Johnson also sat at the board table.

The board held a series of executive sessions totaling one hour and 35 minutes to discuss a variety of subjects from negotiations to personnel changes. Upon entering open session the board approved many personnel changes. With the departure of Adam Maloney as elementary coordinator, the job of principal was open.

Superintendent Miller was approved by the board as part-time head elementary principal. They said he'll receive a \$20,000 stipend for that position.

Fourth grade teacher Kaynette Scheck was selected by her peers as Teacher of the Year for the elementary school last year. The board approved Scheck as part-time assistant elementary principal. She will also continue to teach part-time. The board announced that Scheck will receive \$10,000 for the assistant principal position in addition to her normal teaching contract.

Longtime teacher Cathy Cox received board approval to teach K-12 vocal music. She started her career in the late 1970s teaching vocal at South Barber and taught music again there several years ago. She also taught vocal at Medicine Lodge. She's taught at-risk students many years and was doing that at South Barber last year. Cox replaces Naicee Sutter who resigned to take a vocal music position at Alva schools.

Longtime teacher Danielle Jewell will again be a full-time teacher. When she came to SB from Burlington, where she was a full-time teacher, she taught At-Risk 7-12 and study skills and science to 7th and 8th graders. Jewell

said she will now teach full-time at the junior high level, most likely teaching English and study skills, but she and Principal Shaffer are still finalizing the schedule.

The board accepted the resignation of Becky Buckle as third grade teacher. A Kiowa resident and longtime teacher, Buckle is the new pre-K teacher at SB and employed by the South Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative. The new third grade teacher is Dale Jean Probst who has been teaching at the high school and is a Medicine Lodge resident.

The head high school girls basketball coach for the Lady Chieftains will be Skylar (Cowan) Houlton. She married Kiowa native Colby Houlton last October after dating since 2012. Raised in Texas, she played basketball since kindergarten and also played volleyball there. She later played college volleyball at Vernon Junior College in Vernon, Texas where she met Colby who was on the rodeo team. She earned a nursing degree at Tarleton State College. As an RN she works as needed at Kiowa District Hospital and Share Medical Center in Alva.

Janet Cook got the board's approval as the junior high volleyball head girls coach. From Hardtner, Cook has coached SB volleyball previously.

The board accepted the resignation of athletic director and longtime coach Steve Roberts as the SBHS head girls volleyball coach. He was hired as the junior high girls' assistant volleyball coach.

The board accepted the resignation of Alyssa Gonzales from the high school secretary position. Longtime school secretary Kay Roberts will return to the high school from the



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Obituaries

WILMA JEAN ADAIR

Graveside services for Wilma Jean Adair will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at the Alva Municipal Cemetery with Bill David Walker officiating. Interment is under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva. There will be a visitation with the family at the funeral home from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evening.



Wilma Jean Adair, daughter of the late William M. and Clittie Mabel (Metcalfe) Province, was born October 18, 1928, near Freedom, Oklahoma, and passed away June 9, 2019, at Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 90 years, 7 months and 21 days.

Wilma graduated from Alva High School. On July 30, 1946, she was united in marriage to Leonard Bryce Adair at Medicine Lodge, Kansas. They lived in Alva where she worked at Tyree's Mens Store.

When her kids were in school, she was active in PTA and the Girl and Boy Scouts. She was an active member of the community, helping with the cancer drive and working some elections. She had lunch with a group of ladies she went to school with once a month, and enjoyed coffee with friends at Holders. She was baptized into the College Hill Church of Christ.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by five sisters, Ruby Terrill, Goldie Reutlinger, Velma Lenz, Flossie Wilks and Valleria Stewart; and two brothers, Wilbur Province and Mart Province.

Wilma is survived by her husband Bryce (of Alva); four children, Bryce Eugene Adair and wife Mona Jane (of Waynoka), Helen Faye Hall (of Alva), Steven Patrick Adair and wife Misty (of Alva), and Alan Jay Adair and wife Lori (of Waynoka).

Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Matt Adair and wife Kasey (of Alva), Adam Adair and wife Amy (of Enid), Shannon Wood and husband Tyler (of North Richland Hills, Texas), Lori Pearson Tatro and husband Troy (of Wichita), Shelby Adair (of Andrews, Texas), Austin Adair (of Alva), and Alten Jake Adair (of Waynoka); 13 great grandchildren, Kylie, Conner and Keaton Adair, Gradee, Kade and Luke Adair, Madison and Morgan Wood, Jaeden and Isaac Tatro, and Addalie, Tyler and Alivia Adair; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Homestead.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at www.marshallfuneralhomes.com.

EDNA MARIE HILL

Graveside services for Edna Marie Hill will be 3 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at Memorial Hill Cemetery with Rev. Tommy Leatherman officiating. Interment is under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.



Edna Marie Hill, daughter of the late Abraham and Anna Marie (Golbek) Hermann, was born August 23, 1927, near Avard in Woods

County, Oklahoma, and passed away June 10, 2019, at Alva, Oklahoma, at the age of 91 years, 10 months and 7 days.

Edna attended Avard School. In 1955, she was united in marriage to Everett Hill at the courthouse in Alva.

She was a member of the 7th Day Adventist Church. She enjoyed taking care of her cats, watching birds and embroidering. She always enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Everett; one son, Jerry Lynn Hill; and one brother, Robert Hermann.

Edna is survived by two children Steven Randall Hill (of Alva) and Shirley Sue Rebel (of Alva); four siblings, Loretta Perone (of Chickasha), Peggy Beck and husband Larry (of Waynoka), Janice Leatherman (of Joplin, Missouri), and Harry Hermann (of Alva). Also surviving are three grandchildren, Teresa Sims (of Alva), Regan Dawson and husband Robert (of Weatherford), Jacky Ince and husband Tommy (of Alva); 12 great-grandchildren, Leona Howell, Dalores Howell, Kyle Howell, Peyton Howell, Briana Buckler, Chase Dawson, Dylan McGuire, Kohl Ince, Kaylee Ince, Lydon Hommertzhaim, Zayden Ince and Jack Ince; two great-great-grandchildren, Lathyn and Jaydyss; other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the funeral home.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at www.marshallfuneralhomes.com.

STELLA KERFOOT

The funeral services celebrating and honoring the life of Stella Kerfoot, 96, of Enid will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday June 3, 2019, in the Brown-Cummings Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Clayton Stevicks officiating. Burial will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Brown-Cummings Funeral Home.rrrrrrrrrrShe was born March









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Woods County commissioners approve BJCC inmates working as cooks at senior center next year

By **Trey Lunn**

At the Woods County commissioners regular meeting Monday, June 10, commissioners John Smiley, David Hamil, Randy McMurphy (with the assistance of County Clerk Shelly Reed) approved a number of regular items, including minutes of the June 3 meeting, warrants and claims, and the treasurer's resale monthly appropriation. They also approved the monthly reports for the court clerk and sheriff offices, and an OG&E road crossing permit for District 1.

The commissioners also approved contracting with the Bill Johnson Correctional Center to provide inmates to work as cooks at the county senior citizens center for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Also approved was the Woods County temporary appropriations for fiscal year 2019-2020 in the amount of \$10,808,353.30, which is 80 percent of last year's budget and the estimate of needs by department.

The commissioners took no action on the Notice of Hearing that BNSF filed an application with ODOT to in-

stall a pedestal-mounted flashing light signal with gate arms, utilizing prediction circuitry, at County Road 2350 (DOT No. 014335F) near Waynoka. A hearing date is set for July 17 at 1:30 p.m. at the Corporation Commission in Courtroom D, Jim Thorpe Building at 2101 Lincoln Boulevard in Oklahoma City.

Finally, the commissioners approved action regarding the ODOT Form 324A in the amount of \$370 assigned to CED #8: "Design for J2-5580(004) Job piece: 25580(06) final invoice."

New future planned for long abandoned Wichita amusement park

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The new owners of a long abandoned Wichita amusement park want to transform it into an outdoor event center and paintball range.

The Wichita Eagle reports that the plan is set to go to the City Council next month after winning approval from planners and neighbors. Councilman James Clendenin says he's pleased to see some redevelopment finally occurring at the site.

He says the area has been a nuisance since Joyland shut down for good in 2006. After years of vandalism, a fire destroyed much of what remained in August 2018. Three months later, Gregory and Tina Dunnegan bought Joyland's 57 acres at auction for \$198,000.

A consultant wrote in a site proposal that the owners envision temporary outdoor festivals and amusement rides to "capture the old flavor of Joyland."

Federal flood assistance granted to 7 more Oklahoma counties

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The federal government has approved federal disaster assistance for seven more Oklahoma counties that incurred damage from severe storms, flooding and tornadoes last month.

Gov. Kevin Stitt said Tuesday that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved the state's request for disaster aid for Delaware, Kay, Mayes, Okmulgee, Payne, Pottawatomie and Sequoyah counties. Federal assistance previously was approved for 10 other counties, including Tulsa and Muskogee counties.

Stitt says the counties' residents and business owners may apply for financial assistance to help recover from storm damage since May 7, including housing repairs, temporary housing and low-interest loans to repair or replace damaged property.

Heavy rainfall swelled the Arkansas River in May, flooding hundreds of homes and businesses in Oklahoma and Arkansas. Federal disaster assistance is also being sought in Arkansas.

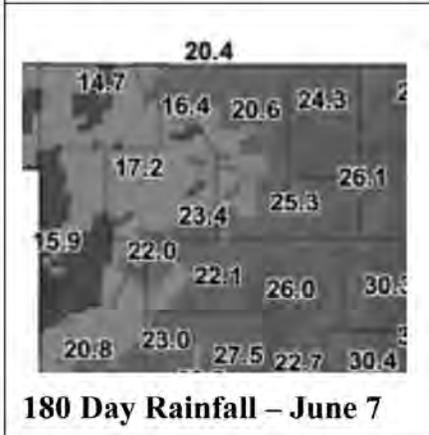
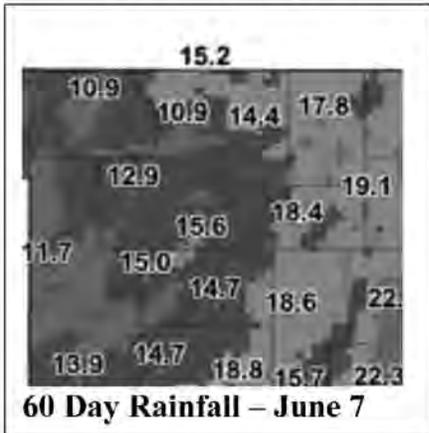


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(Mesonet data on June 7, 2019)

- 30 Day - Average Rainfall – 10.98"
- Wettest since records began in 1921
 - Old Record – 10.42" in 1982
 - Departure from Normal - + 6.57

- 60 Day - Average Rainfall – 17.13"
- Wettest since records began in 1921
 - Old Record – 16.65" in 1957
 - Departure from Normal - + 9.56

- 180 Day - Average Rainfall – 24.15"
- 2nd Wettest since 1921
 - Record – 24.94" in 1956/1957
 - Departure from Normal - + 10.25"



Dealing with moldy hay

Heavy, flooding rainfall has left many hay storage areas in standing water or at best on wet, soggy ground. Wet hay will consistently become moldy hay and present difficult decisions for the cattle producers that planned on feeding that hay. All hay contains some mold, but when mold becomes noticeable the decisions become important.

Usually, mold makes hay less palatable, which can result in lower intake or in animals refusing to eat the hay. Poor weight gains or loss in body condition may result from the lack of nutrient intake. Many other problems from mold occur because of mycotoxins produced by certain mold fungi. This also is part of the decision problem since not all molds produce mycotoxins and the amount produced by those that do is unpredictable. Mycotoxins are not part of the mold, but the molds produce a toxin that is specific to that mold. There are hundreds of strains and each is unique. Ruminants are more resistant to mycotoxins, but they could cause decreased feed intake, immunosuppression, liver disease, infertility or abortion. People should to avoid breathing in these spores as well.

The best course of action often is to minimize feeding moldy hay to more sensitive animals, like horses or pregnant cows. Mold is a difficult problem to deal with. Common sense and good observation often are your best decision aids.

For additional Information Contact: Greg Highfill, Extension Educator Ag, 580-327-2786 greg.highfill@okstate.edu



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From Page 18 **Obits**

10, 1923, in Alva, Oklahoma, to John and Minnie (Rankin) Stone and passed from this life on May 29, 2019 in Enid, Oklahoma.

She was raised and educated in Alva, Oklahoma. On December 30, 1949, she married Virgil Warren Kerfoot in Alva. The couple moved to Enid, with their family in 1959. She worked as a matron for Enid Public Schools for nearly 20 years, and she retired in 1985. She was a member of the Hallmark Baptist Church of Enid. She enjoyed traveling and loved taking care of her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Kenneth Kerfoot and wife Sally (of Cherokee), Marilyn E. Bull and husband Charles (of Broken Arrow), Janice Goodwin and husband Art (of Hobe Sound, Florida), grandchildren John Kerfoot and wife Ashley (of Enid), Christy Tidwell and husband Scott (of Cherokee), Butch Goodwin (of Jacksonville, Florida), Lauren Cohen (of Stuart, Florida), and Sarah Wagoner (of Cherokee); great-grandchildren Sam Cohen and Alex Cohen (of Stuart, Florida), Clay Kerfoot and Noah Kerfoot (of Enid), Marliegh Tidwell (of Cherokee), Abby Goodwin and Avery Gurgone (of Jacksonville, Florida), Nik Wagoner (of Choctaw), and Luke Wagoner and Joe Wagoner (of Cherokee); as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather, husband, one brother, two sisters, two stepbrothers and two stepsisters.

Memorial in her name may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital with Brown-Cummings Funeral Home serving as custodian of the funds.

Condolences to the family may be made online at www.Brown-Cummings.com.

JACQUELINE JEAN REINHART

Jacqueline Jean Reinhart was born February 15, 1952, and passed from this life June 4, 2019.



Jacki was the daughter of Betty and Jack Reinhart in Enid. She graduated from Carrier High School. On November 21, 1970, she was married to Gene Greb and from this union they had

two children. Jacki went to Enid Beauty College and was a stay-at-home mom for many years. Later she became an LPN and worked as a nurse until she retired. She worked at Northwest Center for Behavioral Health and retired from there in 2012. She then started working at Grace Living Center in Woodward and later retired. She loved fishing, but her greatest love was her grandchildren.

Jacki is survived by her mother, Betty Reinhart (of Vici); sister, Barbara Ludwick and husband Joe (of Yukon); brother, Ramine Reinhart and wife Jody (of Vici); son, Chad Greb and wife Tara (of Helena); daughter, Melyssa Thomas (of Woodward). She is also survived by three grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Sadler Jack and Aberly.

She is preceded in death by her father Jackie Lee Reinhart.

Celebration of life graveside services were held Tuesday June 11, 2019, at 2 p.m. at Karoma Cemetery in Goltry with arrangements by Lanman Funeral Home, Inc. of Helena. Online condolences may be made at www.lanmanmemorials.com.

PHILIP THOMAS 'TOM' SELFRIDGE

Philip Thomas "Tom" Selfridge, beloved father and grandfather, passed away at home on Sunday, April 21, 2019,

in Riverbank, California, due to complications of Parkinson's disease at the age of 90.



Tom was born March 4, 1929, in Alva, Oklahoma, to Rev Philip and Mabel Selfridge, the oldest of five siblings. Tom lived in several states before his parents moved the family to California in the late 1940s.

Private Tom Selfridge served in the Air Force from 1950 to 1954. During the Korean War, he was stationed in the Philippines. In 1952, Tom met the love of his life, Shirley Rae Little. They corresponded while he was overseas, and they were married January 1, 1955, in Stockton, California.

In 1967, Tom received a Bachelor of Science in Research Psychology from CSU Fullerton. He also worked as an engineer in the aerospace industry and later as a chemical engineer in the petrochemical industry.

Tom was a keen photographer and amateur astronomer. Like his father, Tom was an engaging storyteller. He was a devoted husband, father, and a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church.

Tom is survived by his three daughters Rebecca, Wendy and Sheri; sisters Marieta Hamann and Ramona Peter; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Shirley, brother Don Selfridge, and sister Dixie Collier.

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KDH hires architect firm to build Behavioral Health/Wellness Addition

By Yvonne Miller

At the May meeting, the Kiowa District Hospital board of directors elected to keep their officers the same: President Pat Myers, Vice President Jeff Miller, Secretary Jim Parker, Treasurer Chantae Simpson and Director Miranda Allen. Others attending the meeting included: Hospital CEO Robert Whitaker, CFO Janell Goodno and Manor Administrator Tami Klinedinst; Friends of the Hospital and Manor Foundation President Judy Schrock; other hospital employees and a few members of the public.

Ever since the new hospital was built (the dedication was in May of 2014), it was apparent the ever-growing physical therapy department with PT Lana Smith at the helm would need expansion. With Smith and assistant PT Brook Molz, the monthly stats for KDH show that department is consistently busy. The need far surpasses the size of the PT room, which is beyond crowded with the necessary tables and equipment, not to mentioned patients and therapists.

Because of research and need, it was decided to build the KDH Behavioral Health/Wellness addition (including PT, OT and speech therapy). Goodno and Whitaker explained they've requested \$250,000 in tax credits that can help finance the addition. Goodno recently sent in the 2019-2020 tax credit application. She said they'll know in 60-90 days if they receive the tax credits. Goodno said she's asking for pledges for contributions.

The foundation is also making fundraising for the new addition their priority. They'll have their annual Jeans and Gems auction, dinner and entertainment Sept. 21 to raise money for the new addition.

Whitaker said four architect firms from Wichita were contacted about the KDH addition. Three submitted bids. They are: LK Architecture, \$97,050; GLMP Architecture, \$133,700; and Alloy Architecture, \$161,835.

Whitaker said the architect who designed the new KDH hospital now works for LK. KDH and LK expect the project to cost around \$200-220 per square foot, Whitaker said. The others firms were thinking around \$300 per square foot. Upon the recommendation of both Whitaker and Goodno, the board approved going with LK.

Hospital and Manor Finances and Statistics

When giving the hospital and manor financial and statistical information for April, Goodno mentioned that the therapy department was "extremely busy" with 92 visits. The ER saw 49 patients. Total outpatient visits were 569. Clinic visits totaled 380. Total hospital admissions were 18 with 94 total days of acute and swingbed care (70).

The manor had an average patient census of 23.

For April KDH had total gross patient revenue of \$423,224. With total contractual adjustments of \$55,384 and \$10,023 profit from the 340B (drug program) the hospital's total operating revenue was \$488,631. Expenses totaled \$633,322. This gave the hospital a loss of \$144,691. However, the addition of \$81,872 (mainly tax revenue) curbed the hospital's loss to \$62,819 for April. Goodno pointed out that KDH was still in the black at the end of April, showing a profit of \$260,427 YTD.

The manor showed a profit of \$28,123 for April. That's with total operating revenue of \$151,839 and expenses of \$131,156. Also adding to the manor finances was \$7,440 of mainly tax revenue for April. YTD the manor

has an overall loss of \$5,902. Goodno pointed out that is much better than the same time last year when the manor's loss was \$91,462

The consolidated balance sheets for the manor and hospital show a profit of \$254,525 at the end of April. Cash-on-hand totaled \$1,660,669. Tara Girty reported that the accounts receivable (AR) due in Nextgen (the old software program now replaced by Cerner) is down to \$63,081. The average days in AR is 56.

The board approved payment of the bills; approved the Bad Debt accounts to be turned over to collection; approved the CFO report; and planned to discuss one financial assistance case in executive session.

Other KDH Business and Administrative Reports

Whitaker said an offer was extended and accepted for the new position of community health and education coordinator. The person will not start for a few weeks.

During the annual meeting, Whitaker gave a detailed report of accomplishments at the hospital over the past year some of which were: conversion to Cerner/Microsoft Dynamics; capital improvement numerous purchases; no deficiencies on some hospital surveys and on any deficiencies, a plan of correction was accepted and completed; an antibiotic stewardship to educate the public on use and outcomes; the Barber County Health Coalition, partnering with the Hardtner community; started the Medical Explorers program for high school students; etc.

On staffing changes, Whitaker listed: Robyn Whitaker, DON at hospital; Heidi Courson, Rural Health Clinic Director; and NP Mary Wilkens, transitioned to KDH employment.

Giving the manor report at the annual meeting, Klinedinst said she hired a new DON and a nurse. "Hopefully we'll get rid of agency (more costly nursing)," she

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Oklahoma police say no vehicles hit in interstate shooting

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Police in Oklahoma City say no vehicles were apparently struck when a man shot at passing motorists along Interstate 35 before being fatally shot by officers.

Capt. Bo Mathews said Tuesday some

motorists stopped at the scene and reported their vehicles were struck, but inspections of the vehicles determined no damage was from gunfire.

There are no reports of injuries to motorists.

Mathews says Sgts. Wesley Parsons and Dustin Fulton responded to calls of the

shooting Monday and opened fire on the unidentified man after he first dropped a gun and raised his hands, then picked up the weapon and faced the officers.

Mathews says the shooting is unrelated to a shooting Saturday on nearby I-235 when shots from one vehicle into another killed one person and injured a second.

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said. The manor had a "complaint visit" earlier that week and Klinedinst said the problem was solved.

Listing some "wants" to enhance the manor, Klinedinst mentioned new living room furniture and an aviary. She mentioned they have grant money. She described the aviary in detail that would have plexiglass and would be there for residents' enjoyment.

Klinedinst said they were holding a "meet and greet" June 5. She said the "manor's strength is dedicated staff and relationship with KDH."

Regarding the Foundation, Schrock said Judy Tucker went off the board and was replaced by Donna Williams. She said the Foundation has been trying to build their account balances so they can help with the Wellness Addition. They are helping with getting pledges for the tax credit program and have a fundraising consultant who has written one grant so far.

In other business at the regular meeting the board approved the medical staff minutes and medical staff appointments David Henley MD (consultant/radiology).

Staff reminded that the Community Garden (planted at the hospital house at 9th and Drumm) has some early produce available for people to pick for themselves such as broccoli and cauliflower. Work Night in the garden (for anyone wanting to help) are Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

The board spent about one hour in executive session to discuss a financial assistance case and strategic planning. Upon return to open session, the board approved the financial assistance application.

The next hospital board meeting is Thursday, June 27, at 7 p.m. at the KDH lobby.

'Straight' Oklahoma man turns pickup rainbow for pride month

HULBERT, Okla. (AP) — Self-described "straight, country boy" Cody Barlow believes duct tape really can fix anything, including bigots.

The 28-year-old college student from Hulbert, Oklahoma, recently decorated the tailgate of his pickup truck like a pride flag with a bold message: "NOT ALL COUNTRY BOYS ARE BIGOTS."

Barlow's Facebook post about his truck had been shared more than 135,000 times by Tuesday with comments praising him for being an LGBTQ ally. He says he thinks he can change closed minds and encourage loved ones who feel alone.

Now, the "jacked-up" 1991 Chevrolet Silverado he uses to off-road through the woods is plastered with rainbow-colored duct tape.

"It fixes everything, even bigots," he said.

Barlow plans to drive his truck in pride parades later this month in Oklahoma City and Fayetteville, Arkansas.



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US Catholic bishops convene to confront sex-abuse crisis

By Regina Garcia Cano And David Crary

BALTIMORE (AP) — The nation's Roman Catholic bishops convened a high-stakes meeting Tuesday under pressure to confront the child sexual abuse crisis that has disillusioned many churchgoers, with one scholar warning: "We find ourselves at a turning point, a critical moment in our history."

How the bishops confront the problem "will determine in many ways the future vibrancy of the church and whether or not trust in your leadership can be restored," Francesco Cesareo, an academic who chairs a national sex-abuse review board set up by the bishops, said as the four-day gathering began.

Key proposals on the agenda call for compassionate pastoral care for abuse victims, a new abuse reporting system, and a larger role for lay experts in holding bishops accountable. Votes on the proposals are expected on Wednesday and Thursday.

The deliberations will be guided by a new law that Pope Francis issued on May 9. It requires priests and nuns worldwide to report sexual abuse as well as cover-ups by their superiors to church authorities.

Advocates for abuse victims have urged the U.S. bishops to go further by requiring that suspicions be reported to police and prosecutors, too.

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, president of the bishops' conference and head of the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese, said he is optimistic major progress will

be made this week. He commended the pope for laying out some worldwide guidelines for combating abuse while giving leeway for the U.S. bishops to work out the details.

Among the agenda items is a proposal to create an independent, third-party entity that would review allegations of abuse. Cesareo said all abuse-related allegations concerning bishops should be reported to civil authorities first and then to a review board.

The bishops will also be voting on a proposal to encourage — but not require — the involvement of lay experts in handling significant abuse allegations.

Cesareo said that including the laity is critical if the bishops are to regain public trust. Otherwise, he said, it's essentially "bishops policing bishops."

A national survey released Tuesday by the Pew Research Center illustrates the extent of disenchantment among U.S. Catholics. The March poll found about one-fourth of Catholics saying they had scaled back Mass attendance and reduced donations because of the abuse crisis, and only 36% said U.S. bishops had done a good or excellent job in responding.

According to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, an authoritative source of Catholic-related data, 45% of U.S. Catholics attended Mass at least once a month in 2018, down from 57% in 1990.

By the center's estimates, there were 76.3 million Catholics in the U.S. last year, down from 81.2 million in 2005. The church remains the largest denomination in the U.S.

Events of the past year have posed unprecedented challenges for the U.S. bishops. Many dioceses have become targets of state investigations since a Pennsylvania grand jury in August detailed hundreds of cases of alleged abuse.

In February, former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of Washington was expelled from the priesthood for sexually abusing minors and seminarians, and investigators are trying to determine if senior Catholic officials covered up his transgressions.

Another investigative team recent-

ly concluded that Michael Bransfield, a former bishop in West Virginia, engaged in sexual harassment and financial misconduct over many years.

Even DiNardo, who heads the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese, has been entangled in controversy. Last week, The Associated Press reported a Houston woman's claim that he mishandled her allegations of sexual and financial misconduct against his deputy.

The archdiocese said it "categorically rejects" the story as biased. However, the archdiocese later said it would review the married woman's allegations that the deputy, Monsignor Frank Rossi, continued to hear her confessions after luring her into a sexual relationship, a potentially serious crime under church law.

DiNardo, at a news conference Tuesday, defended his actions in Houston and the bishops' efforts to restore credibility.

"The Houston situation strikes me as very distinctive. I have very intense disagreements with what has been presented," he said. "But from our own local church, I've tried to be very straightforward with my people. ... We need to put together, for lack of a very word, a package — a whole way in which we deal with the issues of transparency."

Catholic leaders argue, with some statistical backing, that instances of clergy sex abuse have declined sharply with the adoption in 2002 of guidelines for dealing with such cases.

"The Church is a far safer place today than when we launched the Charter," DiNardo contended in a recent report. "Programs of background checks, safe environment trainings, review boards enforcing zero tolerance policies, and victims assistance require hundreds of dedicated, professional teams with child safety as their highest priority."

Coincidentally, the second-largest denomination in the U.S. — the Southern Baptist Convention — also opened its national meeting on Tuesday, gathering in Birmingham, Alabama, with an agenda similarly focused on sex abuse. The SBC had 14.8 million members in 2018, down about 192,000 from the previous year.





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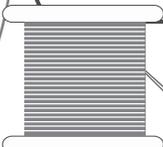
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central office. She will continue being in charge of child nutrition.

Three people received board approval for summer help at the following extra duty hourly pay. They are: Steve Roberts, \$11; Mary Lynn Meyers, \$10.50; and Tim Carey, \$10.50.

Other South Barber Board Business

The amendments and updates to the teacher negotiated agreement received board approval.

After a presentation by a rep of Keystone Food Services at last month's meeting, the board agreed to enter a contract with them.

Because The Kiowa News no longer exists, the board approved The Gyp Hill Premiere as the official paper for USD 255.

The board agreed to have an ex-officio student board member. However, they've not yet appointed a student.

An agenda item regarded re-districting of USD 255 to be at-large board members for the next elections. The board wants to hear from the public before voting on this issue.

The board approved student and adult meal prices and other associated costs for 2019-2020. They also approved the 2020 Program Agreement for Child Nutrition and Wellness with the Kansas State Department of Education.

A landscaping proposal for the elementary school received board approval. This is for a bench and planter surrounded by bushes, monkey grass and more in a landscaped setting.

Administrators voiced appreciation to the Myrtle King Estate for this gift valued at \$4,000. Dr. Miller said the project stayed within the budget.

Superintendent Miller said the new carpet in the high school library is complete. At the elementary the basement classroom was moved up to the former computer room as there is termite damage and some water issues.

Miller said over 50 students are eating during the Summer Food Service Program. Principal Shaffer said 10 students are enrolled in driver's ed. He said projected numbers for fall enrollment are 46 at the high school and 31 at the junior high. The principal said he is making graduation requirement changes beginning with the Class of 2022 and some with the Class of 2020.

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- continued calculation of school days by the hour method, maintaining a minimum of 165 days with 1080 hours per school year
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Alfalfa County Sheriff's Office logs

Tuesday, June 4, 2019
During this day there were seven traffic stops and one controlled burn.

7:06 a.m. – Caller advised a vehicle had been in his bar and was now in the culvert. Advised deputy.

Wednesday, June 5, 2019
During this day there were six traffic stops, one controlled burn and one report of cattle out.

2:12 a.m. – Caller advised her truck alarm was going off and she was able to shut it off with the keyless remote. She didn't see anyone out there. But she wanted it documented. Advised she didn't need an officer right now. Dispatch advised her to look around the vehicle in the morning and call back if anything wasn't right. 2:18 a.m. She called back and said the alarm went off again and she went out on the porch and didn't see anyone or anything.

1:26 p.m. – Caller advised of a break-in at the Timberlake pool in Jet.

4:28 p.m. – Advised of a person trespassing at the crystal dig area.

7:22 p.m. – Caller advised of a male in a white pickup trying to run her off the road and possibly going to assault her. Deputy advised.

Thursday, June 6, 2019
During this day there was one traffic stop, one report of cattle out and one controlled burn.

9:53 a.m. – Report of water over the roadway at County Road 710 and Comanche.

12:17 p.m. – Report of water

over the road at the junction of state highways 45 and 58.

1:20 p.m. – Report of a reckless driver in a white pickup. Advised the driver was all over the road.

1:41 p.m. – Person came in the office to report a domestic assault. Medic was needed to check the victim out.

3:20 p.m. – Caller advised there was smoke coming from the kitchen and needed the fire department. Advised everyone was out of the house.

7:03 p.m. – Caller advised there was a door slamming and screaming in the apartment below. Not yelling for help, just scream. Deputy advised everything was okay.

9:29 p.m. – Medic needed a man who has hit cattle. One calf went over the hood. The others scattered all over the road. Medic en route. Deputy advised he would put the cow down.

Friday, June 7, 2019
During this day there were three controlled burns and one traffic stop.

6:17 p.m. – Report of a gas leak. Caller advised the neighbor was mowing and hit a pipe where the meter used to be. ONG was contacted.

9:08 p.m. – Caller wanted an officer. Advised FedEx left her package somewhere on her street but not at her house and she didn't know where it was. She wanted an officer to help look. She advised she feels funny going onto other people's property. She called

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Community Calendar

Wednesday

9 a.m. The Woods County Senior Citizens Center, 625 Barnes, Alva, is open for games and other activities. Exercise is scheduled each day at 11 a.m. Transportation provided upon request.

Noon Alva Kiwanis Club meets at Cancun Mexican Grill.

1-5 p.m. The Cherokee Strip Museum in Alva is open every day except Monday. For information or arranged tours, call 580-327-2030.

Thursday

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3-6 p.m. Food distribution every Thursday, Alva Wesleyan Food Bank, 818 Lane St.

6 P.M. Woods County Democrats

meet the second Thursday of the month at Cancun Grill in Alva.

7 p.m. Alva Moose Lodge men's meeting is held every Thursday.

7 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 1027 8th (Wesley House) in Alva every Monday and Thursday.

8:15 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 1027 8th (Wesley House) in Alva.

Friday

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back and advised she had found her package.

Saturday, June 8, 2019

During this day there were two controlled burns.

2:41 a.m. – Alarm company called about alarm at the Carmen Jiffy Trip. Couldn't get ahold of the keyholder. While on the phone with the deputy, the alarm company advised of two more alarms going off. Advised it was the motion alarm by the front door and a glass breakage alarm. Deputy advised he was gathering information and making a report.

9:15 a.m. – Report of a stolen vehicle. He had been taken from the reporting party's place of business the night before and found at a residence east of Cherokee. Advised there was some damage and he wanted to make a report.

9:39 a.m. – Caller advised he drove

through some water on County Road 630 and his pickup is now in a big hole. No ambulance needed and his grandson was coming to pull him out. 4:57 p.m. – Alarm going off in Jet. Advised the greenhouse glass was broken. Tried to contact the keyholder; no answer. Neighbor advised no one lives there. It must have been a false alarm.

8:15 p.m. – Caller advised someone coming onto their property and opening pasture gates on County Road 720. Caller didn't want the cattle to get out and him be responsible in case someone hit them.

9:01 p.m. – Caller wanted an officer in the 400 block of Main. Caller stated she has guardianship of her grandkids and her grandson is refusing to go with her and the mother is not helping the situation. Advised deputy. He advised the mother was yelling. He

advised her to go back in the house or she would be arrested for disturbing the peace.

9:30 p.m. – Caller advised of a dead deer in the road on State Highway 8.

Sunday, June 9, 2019

During this day there was one controlled burn.

7:27 a.m. – Caller advised of a tank battery on fire at a location on Grady between County Road 590 and 600. May have been lightning. Cherokee Fire Department put out the fire.

9:35 a.m. – Possible transformer fire/problem on the substation east of Nash.

10:26 a.m. – Caller advised a building was broken into on State Highway 11. The family was contacted. They advised the owner had passed away a year ago and they have no idea who is responsible for it.

Monday, June 10, 2019

8:20 a.m. – Caller advised he thinks someone has been staying in his property that was supposed to be abandoned and is using electricity. He was going to look at the property and wanted a deputy to contact him.

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Civil Filings
 Farmers Exchange, Helena, vs. Ronald A. Severin, Goltry: collections (\$242.14).

Bank of America vs. Donna R. Danner, Amorita: breach of contract (\$229.14).
 Synchrony Bank, Draper, Utah,

vs. Stacey Jantz, Cherokee: indebtedness (\$229.14).
 Synchrony Bank, Draper, Utah, vs. Stacey Siler, Cherokee: indebtedness (\$229.14).

Small Claim Filings
 Farmers Exchange, Helena, vs. Richard Moss, Goltry: collections (\$58).

Farmers Exchange, Helena, vs. Robert E. Fishback, Helena: collections (\$58).
 Farmers Exchange, Helena, vs. George William Liebsch, Goltry: collections (\$58).

Marriage License Filings
 Theorda Lee Johnson III, Phoenix, Arizona, and Nicole Leanne Unruh, Aline: marriage license with certificate (\$5).

Traffic Filings
 Jonathan Andrew Hall, Cherokee, was cited for not wearing a seatbelt (\$20).

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Barber County Sheriff's Office log

Barber County Sheriff's Office (BASO) performed 34 traffic stops throughout the week.

Medicine Lodge Police Department (MLPD) performed 18 traffic stops throughout the week.

Kiowa Police Department (KWPD) performed 12 traffic stops throughout the week.

June 3, 2019

KWPD, MLPD and BASO investigated a domestic disturbance.

BASO responded to cattle out on Medicine Lodge City Pool.

MLPD responded to a report of a traffic hazard on Main Street.

KWPD responded to a request for an officer on Robinson Street.

BASO investigated a report of goats at Rose Hill Cemetery in Hazelton.

June 4, 2019

KWPD performed a VIN inspection.

KWPD responded to a go complaint on 9th Street.

June 5, 2019

MLPD responded to a dog complaint

on Jefferson Avenue.

BASO responded to cattle out on Tri-City Road.

BASO responded to a residential alarm in Hardtner.

MLPD and BASO investigated a possible break-in on north Oak Street.

MLPD responded to a possible gas leak on north Iliff Street.

MLPD responded to a report of a traffic hazard on south Oak Street.

June 6, 2019

BASO responded to an animal call on US Highway 281.

BASO responded to cattle out on Aetna Road.

MLPD investigated a report of indecent liberties of children.

MLPD responded to a non-injury vehicle vs. vehicle accident on Iliff Street.

BASO responded to cattle out on US281.

BASO assisted a funeral escort from Kiowa to Hardtner.

BASO responded to an animal call on US281.

BASO responded to an animal call on Kansas Highway 2.

BASO performed a VIN inspection.

MLPD and BASO responded to a child in need of care on Iliff Street.

BASO responded to cattle out on Tri-City Road.

BASO responded to cattle out on Mumford Road.

BASO and MLPD responded to a possible domestic disturbance in Hardtner.

June 7, 2019

BASO responded to cattle out on River Road.

BASO responded to cattle out on US281.

BASO responded to cattle out on US160.

BASO and MLPD investigated a disturbance on Tamarisk Road.

KWPD responded to a request for an officer on 4th Street.

BASO took a stolen property report in Isabel.

BASO responded to a dog complaint on Cedar Street.

BASO responded to a traffic control situation on US160.

BASO performed multiple VIN inspections.

MPLD responded to a dog complaint

at the Medicine Lodge City Kennels.

MLPD investigated an incident at Sunflower Apartments.

KWPD responded to a request to unlock a vehicle on north 5th Street.

BASO responded to cattle out on Sun City Road.

June 8, 2019

BASO responded to a dog complaint in Hazelton.

BASO performed a VIN number inspection.

BASO investigated a report of burglary in Hazelton.

MLPD responded to a traffic hazard on Stolp Street.

MLPD responded to a non-injury vehicle vs. vehicle accident at Casey's .

MLPD responded to a dog complaint on north Main Street.

MLPD and BASO responded to a dog complaint on Curry Lane.

MLPD investigated a report of suspicious activity on north Oak Street.

June 9, 2019

MLPD investigated a report of harassment on Goodview Street.

MLPD responded to a citizen's complaint on Stolp Street.

MLPD responded to a request for an officer at Taco Tico.

MLPD and BASO responded to a juvenile complaint on north Oak Street.

MLPD responded to a report of harassment on Goodview Street.

DISPATCH NEWS FIRE/EMS

June 4, 2019

Kiowa EMS transported a patient to Kiowa Manor.

June 5, 2019

Medicine Lodge Fire Department responded to a possible gas leak on north Iliff Street.

June 6, 2019

Kiowa EMS transported a patient to Pratt.

Kiowa EMS transported a patient to Wichita.

June 7, 2019

Medicine Lodge EMS responded to a medical alarm on US160.

June 9, 2019

Medicine Lodge EMS transported a patient to Wichita.

ARRESTS

James Lee Johnson, Medicine Lodge, 36, W/M, arrested June 5, 2019, on a Barber County warrant for failure to appear.



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